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WASHINGTON, April 13, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 8 totaled 345,915, up 3.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 0.2 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.0 percent in the West and up 2.9 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 7,684 cars (6.5 percent), motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 4,284 cars (25.0 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 2,629 cars (15.4 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,175 cars (3.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 14 weeks of 1989 totaled 4,640,148, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 117,445 trailers and/or containers for the week ended April 8, up 10.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 14 weeks of 1989 was 1,566,680 trailers and/or containers, up 1.7 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended April 8 totaled 19.7 billion, 3.1 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 268.8 billion ton-miles, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,523	33,698	-3.5 %	32,152	1.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,304	2,216	4.0	1,751	31.6
Metallic Ores	19,719	17,090	15.4	19,195	2.7
Coal	125,486	117,802	6.5	124,153	1.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,830	16,078	-7.8	14,162	4.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,524	9,975	-4.5	9,825	-3.1
Grain Mill Products	10,208	10,004	2.0	9,532	7.1
Food & Kindred Products	8,458	8,769	-3.5	8,545	-1.0
Primary Forest Products	9,285	9,461	-1.9	9,609	-3.4
Lumber & Wood Products	6,369	7,564	-15.8	7,595	-16.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,118	11,296	-10.4	11,686	-13.4
Chemicals	29,669	27,814	6.7	30,168	-1.7
Petroleum Products	4,934	5,084	-3.0	5,531	-10.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,033	10,641	-5.7	10,052	-.2
Coke	5,329	6,017	-11.4	5,498	-3.1
Metals & Products	9,375	9,962	-5.9	11,028	-15.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,453	17,169	25.0	18,716	14.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,182	8,523	7.7	8,850	3.8
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	8	25	-68.0	4	100.0
All Other Carloads	7,108	6,779	4.9	7,115	-.1
Total	345,915	335,967	3.0 %	345,167	.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 14 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 8, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	345,915	335,967	3.0 %	4,640,148	4,613,684	.6 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	68,407	65,470	4.5	909,541	936,952	-2.9
Containers	49,038	41,228	18.9	657,139	603,725	8.8
Total	117,445	106,698	10.1	1,566,680	1,540,677	1.7
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.7	19.1	3.1 %	268.8	265.8	1.1 %

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